



# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Newsletter

Spring Term 1st half 2017



### Topic

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. I hope you had a lovely break. This half term our topic in the Foundation Stage is 'polar regions' and 'Australia'. The children will be learning about different climates how people and animals live in those regions of the world compared to our own. We will also be looking at our local environment and how this changes in relation to the seasons.

Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm coat and wellingtons in school for our ongoing outdoor learning. Please place wellingtons in a clearly named bag and leave on your child's peg with their PE kits (FS2 only) and any spare clothes. Please, also ensure that all clothing is clearly named, especially on PE days.

### Staff in EYFS

As from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 we are operating as an EYFS unit as we offer full day provision for 3-5 year olds. We would like to welcome Mrs. Grantham to the team. We now have five members of staff across the EYFS unit. Mrs. Dales (EYFS leader, teacher and SENCo), Miss Hennessey (EYFS teacher), Mrs. Gehrman (ATA), Mrs. Brittain (ATA) and Mrs. Grantham (GTA).

### Collecting children

When collecting FS1 (Nursery) children at 3:30 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday please could you come to the FS2 classroom door, through the second gate. FS2 children can be collected at the same door at 3:35 as normal. Please inform a member of staff before each session if a different person will be collecting your child from school.

### Parent Consultations

We will be holding meetings during this half term (w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Feb) to discuss your child's progress. Please log on to our on line system to book your appointment or speak to Mrs. Edwards in the school office.

### School website

Please look at our school website where you can find ongoing information and we can share what we have been doing in school.

[www.leyburn.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.leyburn.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### Parent's Area

Please feel free to use our parent's area. You can see notices, planning, photographs, borrow books, story sacks and access free resources to share at home. The door is open from 3:20 each afternoon. If you borrow the books or resources please sign them out and then sign back in upon return. Please only take the books in the baskets (not the ones from the book shelves as these are used by the children each day).

We are hoping to have a sale later in the term to raise funds for new resources to add to this area.

### "Share a session" Open morning

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our share a session open morning. The feedback from this was very positive and we have taken your suggestions on board to plan our next one. This will take place around Easter, details to follow.

### Important dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – reports to parents

W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Parent consultation meetings

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Back to School

**\*\*Please see the whole school newsletter for any other key dates\*\***

